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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
 - a. ☐ Small Entity Statement(s)
3. ☒ Specification (preferred arrangement set forth below) [Total Pages 69]
 - Descriptive title of the Invention
 - Cross References to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets 26]
- ☒ Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 4]
 - a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy) ☐ Unexecuted
 - b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 20 completed)
[Note Box 6 below]
 - i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
- ☒ Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 5b is checked)
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
- ☐ CD-Rom or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)

9. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
 - a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
 - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ii. ☐ paper
 - c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies
- ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
- ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☐ Power of Attorney
- ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
- ☒ Figure of Drawing to be published 64
- ☒ Foreign priority claimed
 - a. ☒ Claim of Priority
 - b. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
- ☐ Assignee: _____
- ☒ Other: Request for Examiner Approval of Drawing Amendment (with three sheets)
Copy of Request for Extension of Time filed concurrently in Parent Application No. 09/200,855

20. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

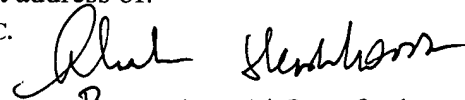
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 21. ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
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CLAIM OF PRIORITY

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Sir:

Applicant hereby claims the right of priority granted pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119 based upon French Application Nos. 9609157, filed July 22, 1996 and 9805549, filed April 30, 1998. As required by 37 C.F.R. 1.55, certified copies of the French applications have been filed in parent Application No. 09/200,855, filed November 30, 1998

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please extend the period for responding to the Final Office action dated July 11, 2001, by three months, from October 11, 2001 to January 11, 2002. Applicants are filing this extension of time for the purpose of establishing copendency with a concurrently filed continuation application.

A check in the amount of \$460.00 is enclosed for the three month extension of time fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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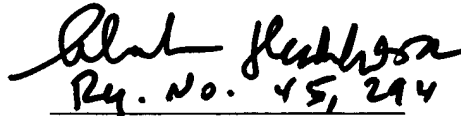
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Sir:

Attached hereto are three drawing sheets, which include changes to FIGS. 46, 47 and 64 indicated in red. These drawings are being filed concurrently with Applicants' Preliminary Amendment.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to indicate approval of the entry of the amended drawings in the next Office action.

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